

# REMARKS

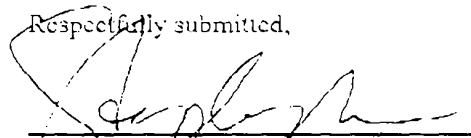
Claims 1-17 are pending herein. Claims 18-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in response to the Examiner's Statement on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability.

The specification has also been amended to delete the incorporation by reference that was made by the Preliminary Amendment filed January 14, 2002.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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